

- (iii) Washability characteristic of such rejects are being studied for making the same available to prospective washery operators who can install their plants in its vicinity for making the rejects usable by the power plants.

Proposal to delink CMPDIL from CIL

1024. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to delink Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Ltd. (CMPDIL) from Coal India Limited (CIL); and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer given to part (a) above.

Outsourcing in CIL to augment production

1025. SHRI CHITTIABRATA MAJUMDAR:

SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether outsourcing is being resorted to augment coal production in different subsidiaries of Coal India Ltd.; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and subsidiary-wise quantum of production through outsourcing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. Certain activities of coal production in some of the coal mines in different subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL) are being undertaken by hiring equipment.

(b) Outsourcing is now a global phenomenon. In line with many other industries, CIL has also adopted the concept of outsourcing for:—

- (i) better economic returns
- (ii) building up additional capacity of coal production
- (iii) avoiding initial capital investment